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City Council	Item No. <u>15</u>

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FACT SHEET

POLICE  
Department

# \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested Date

1. **Request:**

City Council Approval ☒  
Other (specify) ☐

Information Only/  
Presentation ☐  
Hearing ☐

2. **Requested Action:**

Council Direction - Discussion regarding the Downtown parking meters.

3. **Fiscal Impact:**

Revenue: Increase ☐  
Decrease ☒

Source: Parking Facilities-Revenue

Amount: #####

Cost: Increase ☐  
Decrease ☒

Source: Parking Facilities-Personnel/

operational costs.

Amount: #####

Does Not Apply ☐

4. **Reviewed By:**

Finance Dept. on \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

City Attorney on \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Back up must be submitted along with this form. Deadline is 5:00 p.m., 2 Fridays before the scheduled meeting date.*

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CITY COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Action ☐  
Consent ☐  
Hearing ☐

Filing ☐  
Presentation ☐  
Other(specify) ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND:**

As a result of the Easter Earthquake on April 4, 2010, the Police Department removed the downtown parking meters. The removal of the parking meters aided in allowing business owners to access their businesses to make repairs while recovering from the earthquake, as well as attracting customers, and stimulating business opportunities in the downtown area.

The Police Department is requesting direction from the City Council regarding the placement of the parking meters. Should the parking meters be returned to the Downtown area, should the parking meters be stored for future use, or should the City Ordinance be changed and the parking meter program be eliminated and the meters sold.

The removal of the parking meters is only one part of the parking restrictions that control parking in the Downtown area. The City Ordinance restricting parking to a two-hour limit is currently being enforced in the Downtown area. The two-hour restrictions will continue to be enforced in order to promote movement of cars and the rotation of customers into downtown.

### **Recommendation:**

The Police Department recommends the elimination of the parking meter program. The Parking Enforcement Staff will be reduced by 70% during the current budget cuts. As a result, there will be insufficient staff to enforce all current parking restrictions in the Downtown. By eliminating the parking meters, the two remaining Parking Enforcement Officers will focus on the control and enforcement of the two-hour parking restrictions, seven days each week.